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Request for Expedited Procedure
Under 37 CFR § 1.116
Group Art Unit: 3624
Docket No.: E3331.0450
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Edward R. Howorka et al.

Application No.: 09/896,220

Filed: June 29, 2001

Art Unit: 3624

For: CREDIT LIMIT STORAGE IN AN
ANONYMOUS TRADING SYSTEM

Examiner: Felten, Daniel S.

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are reflected at page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | Additional Fee |
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| Total | 51 | - 51 = | 0 | X 50.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent | 6 | - 6** = | 0 | X 200.00 | \$0.00 |
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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.